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SUBJECT: AIRPORT EXPANSION IN MALAYSIA

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1. AS PROMISED REFTEL, EMBASSY REPORTING CURRENT STATUS
AIRPORT EXPANSION THROUGHOUT MALAYSIA.

2. GENERAL: GOM HAS MASTER PLAN TO 1991 COVERING
EXPANSION EIGHTEEN AIRPORTS WITH MAJOR PROJECTS KUALA LUMPU,
PENANG, KOTA KINABALU, AND KUCHING. COST FIGURES QUOTED ARE
BALLPARK FIGURES AS GOM PLANNING BASED ON SPECIFICATIONS AND
REQUIREMENTS EACH AIRPORT RATHER THAN DETAILED COSTS.

3. KUALA LUMPUR: AIRWAYS ENGINEERING CORP (US FIRM)
RECENTLY SELECTED FROM SEVEN BIDDERS PROVIDE CONSULTING
ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR EXPANSION RUNWAYS AND ANCILLARY
BUILDINGS. NEGOTIATIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY BETWEEN GOM
AND AIRWAYS ON SPECIFIC SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED.
COST OF TOTAL EXPANSION PROJECT ESTIMATED M\$50 MILLION (US1.00/
M\$2.45).

4. PENANG: NORTHROP AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT CORP (US
FIRM) WON CONTRACT FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR EXPANSION RUNWAYS AND TERMINAL BUILDING.
NORTHROP STAFF CURRENTLY DRAFTING ENGINEERING STUDIES FOR GOM.

5. KOTA KINABALU: EXPANSION OF TERMINAL COMPLEX WITH
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TOTAL COST ABOUT M\$80 MILLION. INVITATIONS TO TENDER

FOR ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES ISSUED AND MINISTRY
OF COMMUNICATIONS CURRENTLY REVIEWING BID PROPOSALS.

6. KUCHING: TERMINAL AND RUNWAYS WILL BE ENLARGED.
RUNWAY EXPANSION BEING DONE BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
(PWD). TENDERS ARE OUT FOR TERMINAL. COST OF TOTAL
PROJECT APPROXIMATELY M\$20 MILLION.

7. SANDAKAN: STATUS REPORTED REFTEL.

8. SMALLER AIRPORTS: EXPANSION WORK, WHERE FEASIBLE,
WILL BE PERFORMED BY PWD AND LOCAL CONTRACTORS.

9. EQUIPMENT: INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEMS FOR KOTA
KINABALU AND PENANG, RADAR NAVIGATIONAL AIDS FOR PENANG,
AND FOR ALL AIRPORTS TERMINAL BUILDING EQUIPMENT
INCLUDING BAGGAGE HANDLING, FLIGHT INFORMATION BOARDS,
ETC. WILL BE TENDERED AT APPROPRIATE STAGES DEVELOPMENT.

10. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE KEEP ABREAST
DEVELOPMENTS AND REPORT TENDERS AS AVAILABLE.
USDOC MAY WISH ALERT US MANUFACTURERS AIRPORT
EQUIPMENT OF POTENTIAL SALES IN MALAYSIA.
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